

# Burien City News

The Community with Great Connections

December 2009

## CITY COUNCIL MESSAGE

As 2009 draws to a close, people will look back at the year as an historic period in the City of Burien. The milestone event was the opening of Burien Town Square, a concept that began with the incorporation of Burien in 1993 and 16 years later turned into reality. The City's founders envisioned a "people place" in the heart of Burien that would be the focal point of the community. It would also be a hub of commercial activity, with shops, restaurants and entertainment venues attracting people into the city center.

Town Square quickly has become the "people place" and community focal point envisioned. Stroll through the plaza and park on any decent afternoon and you will see people there talking to friends, walking or just hanging out. The Farmers Market and other events held there have shown that Town Square is a perfect place for a community fair, festival or market. The other goal for Town Square, that is to serve as a catalyst for downtown revitalization, will take longer because of the sluggish economy. But we still see new restaurants and stores moving into downtown, with owners confident that their investment in downtown Burien will pay off.

The other historic event of 2009 was the vote in August to annex a large portion of North Highline, increasing the size of the City by about 50%. People who have been in the Burien area for a long time see the annexation as a reuniting of a larger community that was divided when Burien incorporated.

The upcoming year promises to be eventful as well, with the incorporation taking effect and, we hope, more businesses and residents relocating downtown.

We'd like to recognize retiring council member Sally Nelson for her long service to the community. Sally was an original council member and has served since 1993. Thank you, Sally.

— Your City Council

## City Council Will Get New Member in January

Council newcomer Brian Bennett was elected in the Nov. 3 election to Pos. 7, which was vacated by Council member Sally Nelson who is retiring after serving on the Council since Burien incorporated in 1993.



Brian Bennett

Bennett is a business attorney with F5 Networks, a Seattle-based global technology company. He is a member of the Burien Planning Commission and chairs the Burien Shoreline Advisory Committee. His family has lived in the Highline area for four generations. He lives with his wife and young

daughters in northwest Burien.

A former City Councilman, Jack Block, will rejoin the Council after being elected to Pos. 1. Two City Council incumbents were reelected to new four-year terms. Joan McGilton, Pos. 3; and Rose Clark, Pos. 5. All new and returning Councilmembers will begin their new terms in January.

In other local results from the Nov. 3 election, the ballot measure that would have funded construction of bicycle-pedestrian paths in Burien through a vehicle license fee failed. The measure would have funded improvements on 8th Avenue S. and S.W. and S. 136th Street through a vehicle license fee of \$25 paid by owners of motor vehicles registered in Transportation Benefit District 1, which encompasses the entire city.

## Nominate Outstanding Citizens in Annual Awards Program

Burien residents and business people are invited to nominate an outstanding citizen, business person, educator or environmental activist for the Outstanding Citizens Awards program conducted by the City and the Discover Burien organization. Winners will receive recognition at the City's annual awards ceremony, which will be March 5.

To nominate a person, describe how the nominee contributes to the community and how these contributions are unique. Please submit your nominations by February 1 to Burien City Hall, 400 S.W. 152nd St. Ste. 300, Burien, 98166. Submit an online nomination at [www.burienwa.gov](http://www.burienwa.gov). For information call (206) 241-4647,

## New Fountains a Delight for Youngsters

The new water feature at Town Square Park is bound to become a favorite place for young kids to cool off on a hot summer day. The fountain is a fully interactive water feature complete with a stream and several spouts that shoot water high into the air. The water feature was delayed because of design complications and was not open for Town Square grand opening last June. The fountains will operate April - October.



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Code Enforcement.....	248-5507
CITY ATTORNEY .....	248-5531
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Joan McGilton, Mayor .....	241-4647
Sue Blazak, Deputy Mayor .....	241-4647
Rose Clark, Councilmember .....	241-4647
Kathy Keene, Councilmember .....	241-4647
Lucy Krakowiak, Councilmember .....	241-4647
Sally Nelson, Councilmember .....	241-4647
Gordon Shaw, Councilmember .....	241-4647
CITY JOB LINE .....	248-5534
CITY MANAGER'S OFFICE .....	248-5508
FINANCE .....	241-4647
FIRE DEPARTMENT	
Fire District #2 .....	242-2040
North Highline F.D. ....	243-0330
HUMAN RESOURCES.....	248-5504
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POLICE DEPARTMENT	
Burien Precinct #4	
14905 6 <sup>th</sup> SW .....	296-3333
PUBLIC WORKS.....	248-5521
24 hr. street or drainage concerns.....	296-8100
SENIOR PROGRAM	
425 SW 144 <sup>th</sup> Street .....	244-3686
OTHER NUMBERS	
Citizen Complaints .....	248-5530
Parking Complaints/	
Police Tip Hotline .....	205-0969
ANIMAL CONTROL .....	296-7387
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE .....	575-1633
DISCOVER BURIEN ASSO. ....	433-2882
DISTRICT COURT (Burien Courthouse)	
601 SW 149 <sup>th</sup> St. ....	296-0144
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ADVOCATE	
(425) 961-0618 Cell Phone (206) 947-3852	
LIBRARY	
14700 6 <sup>th</sup> SW .....	243-3490
SCHOOL DISTRICT (Highline) .....	433-0111
SEWER	
SW Suburban Sewer Dist. ....	244-9575
Midway Sewer .....	824-4960
Valley View Sewer .....	242-3236
SOCIAL SECURITY OFFICE	
151 SW 156 <sup>th</sup> Street .....	243-0289
WATER DISTRICTS	
Water District #20 .....	243-3990
Water District #49 .....	242-8535
Highline Water District .....	824-0375
Seattle Water .....	684-5900

## Zoning Studied for North Highline Annexation Area

A required step in the process of annexation a southern portion of North Highline to the City of Burien is adoption of zoning for the area. The Burien Planning Commission is reviewing a proposal from the City's Department of Community Development to convert the existing King County zoning designations to City of Burien designations. The Commission conducted a public hearing on the proposed zoning conversion on November 24 and made a recommendation to the City Council, which must adopt zoning for the annexation area prior to the annexation effective date in 2010. The City Council is scheduled to set the effective date in December. Information on the proposed zoning conversion and zoning maps showing current County zoning and zoning recommended by the Planning Commission are available online at [burienwa.gov/annexation](http://burienwa.gov/annexation).

When the North Highline annexation to the

City of Burien becomes official and takes effect, change will not be immediately noticeable. For instance, residents and businesses can choose to use "Burien, WA" as part of their mailing address or continue to use "Seattle, WA" along with the same zip code. There are no changes in utilities services and billing, school or fire districts.

Annexation area residents might notice more "City of Burien" police cars and public works vehicles in the annexation area. Residents will be dealing with the City of Burien instead of King County on matters pertaining to building, licensing, permitting and code enforcement.

The City will be conducting outreach in the annexation area to inform residents and businesses about licensing, permitting and related matters. Watch for information in the mail and on the City of Burien website at [www.burienwa.gov](http://www.burienwa.gov).

## Council Sets Local Priorities for Legislature, Congress

The Burien City Council has approved the Legislative priorities that the City will advocate for at the State Legislature and the U.S. Congress in 2010. The priorities have been the focus of meetings with members of the state legislative delegation, which began in October.

The City's top priorities include seeking \$200,000 in state funding for the Seahurst north nearshore restoration project (improving salmon habitat along the northern Seahurst Park shoreline); these funds would be a match for expected federal funds.

The City plans to partner with other local jurisdictions to advocate for financial assistance to meet new storm water clean-up requirements, and for future help with infrastructure financing and local revenue options. The City Council also supports the

efforts of Navos to relocate its mental health facility away from the impacts of the third runway in the Northeast Redevelopment Area (NERA) to a more appropriate location near downtown Burien.

The City has also started conversations with state and federal lawmakers about a potential future interchange improvement at SR 518 and Des Moines Memorial Drive, to achieve better access to the NERA and encourage airport-compatible businesses to move in there. As part of the initial discussions with state legislators, the Washington State House Transportation Committee Chair, Rep. Judy Clibborn, joined 33rd District Rep. Dave Upthegrove, Mayor Joan McGilton and Burien staff members for a tour of the NERA and the proposed interchange site in late October.

## Renewal Forms Due for Utility Tax Relief

The annual renewal and enrollment for the City of Burien Utility Tax Relief Program for Low Income Households is underway. The program provides some relief to low income Burien residents on the local utility taxes paid for telephone (not including cellular), cable services, and gas/electricity provided by Puget Sound Energy. Last year 64 Burien households participated with an

average reimbursement of \$35. A renewal form was mailed to those residents already in the program.

Please call Lori Fleming at (206) 248-5518 for more information or to have a copy of the Utility Relief Program application mailed to you. Copies are also available on the City website at [www.burienwa.gov](http://www.burienwa.gov).



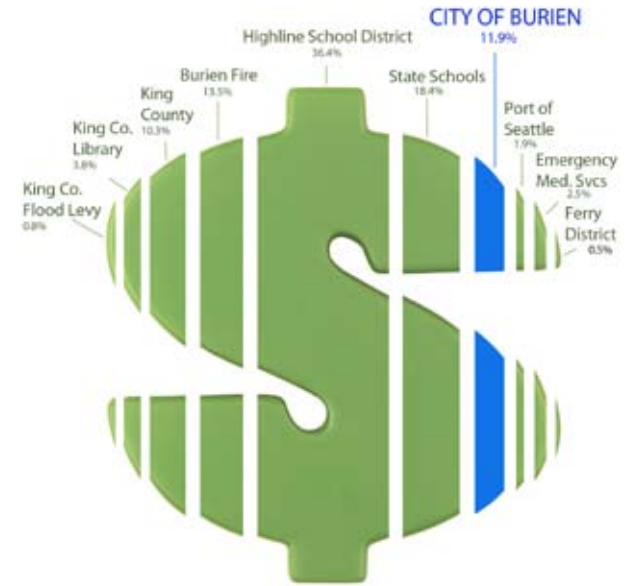
## Council Reviews Biennial Budget

The City Council's recent mid-biennium review of the 2009-2010 Biennial Budget addressed relatively few items that need budgetary updates for the second of the two years. The review is a much abbreviated process with fewer decisions as compared with budget process from prior years.

The first year of the City's first biennial budget has been a challenge. Like other municipalities, locally and across the nation, the City of Burien faced declining revenues and a need for budget reductions. In June 2009, the City Council took action and reduced revenue projections for 2009 and 2010 by \$4.8 million, operating expenses by \$1.9 million, postponed capital projects, and agreed to use \$1.3 million of discretionary fund balance to bridge the gap. These changes were difficult but necessary for the ongoing financial health of the City.

The good news is that economic indicators and many economists believe that the recession is at its bottom point and has begun or will soon begin a gradual recovery. Unlike the end of past recessions, most experts predict a slow recovery with job growth and consumer spending rebounding later next year. Instead of an economic trend line that typically looks like a V, the City anticipates and are planning for a U shaped or even a bathtub-shaped recovery. Revenues, such as sales tax, have stopped declining but we anticipate that little if any growth will occur before mid 2010 – and even then, the recovery in revenues is expected to be slow. The reductions the Council adopted in June 2009 reflect these assumptions.

While there is little need for updates to the 2009-2010 budget from existing circumstances, the pending annexation of a portion of the North Highline area will necessitate budget amendments to incorporate revenues generated in the annexation area and increases to expenses for providing new city services to the new portion of Burien. The Council initially discussed these changes on November 9 with action to amend the budget on November 23. A public hearing was scheduled on both these dates so that residents and interested parties could share their views regarding the 2009-2010 budget review with the City Council. The amendments to the 2009-2010 Biennial Budget are expected to be adopted in December.



*The City of Burien receives a relatively small percentage of a property owner's tax bill (11.9%). In comparison for 2009, the Highline School District and State Schools taken together account for 54.8% of the property tax bill, King County receives 10.3%, the Burien Fire District 13.5% and the King County Library District 3.8%.*



**SEAHURST PROJECT:** The new Environmental Science Center is taking shape at Seahurst Park. The facility will be a state-of-the-art environmental learning center where children and educators can come together to learn to understand, appreciate and protect precious natural resources, especially Puget Sound. The Environmental Learning Center will also be a gathering place for the entire community. It is scheduled to be completed and open to the public in spring 2010. The \$1.2 million project is the result of a long community-wide fund-raising campaign.

## City Improves Communications With Residents, Businesses

The City has been working hard to improve its communications with residents and businesses. Over the past year we have made the following improvements:

- **Website:** A year ago the City unveiled its new user-friendly website to the public, and since then the website has received recognition for its attractive design, organization and ease of use. If you haven't seen the website, go to [www.burienwa.gov](http://www.burienwa.gov).
- **Radio Station:** Last summer the City went on the air with its new low-watt radio station, which broadcasts announcements of City programs, services and events. The primary purpose of the station will be to broadcast emergency information during a natural disaster or other emergency. You can dial in to Radio Free Burien at 540 AM. Reception is best in vehicles and outdoors.
- **Electronic Newsletters:** Burien City Hall began sending out monthly e-news-

letters last spring that quickly summarizes City-related news and events. The Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department also initiated a monthly e-newsletter on parks related programs and activities. You can sign up to receive the e-newsletters on the City website. (Click "Sign Up for E-Newsletter" on the City and Parks home pages.)

- **Cable Channel 21:** Programming is being improved and more added on the Burien Channel (Cable TV 21). Burien City Council meetings and study sessions are broadcast live and replayed at various times during the week. For programming information, click on TBC 21 under the City Clerk department on the City's website.

- **Spanish Information Line:** The City has opened a phone line in which information about programs and events is voiced in Spanish. Call (206)241-4647 and ask for the Spanish Information Line; during off-hours select that option in the recording.

## Burien Northeast Redevelopment Area

The City of Burien, in partnership with the Port of Seattle, has completed the redevelopment plan and implementation strategy for the 165-acre Northeast Redevelopment Area (NERA) located between 8th Avenue S., Des Moines Memorial Drive, S.138th Street and SR-518. The purpose of the strategy is to transform the NERA from a mixture of vacant, residential, public, and small commercial land uses to uses that are compatible with operations at Sea-Tac International Airport and existing and planned surrounding land uses.

A Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS), which analyzes the proposed alternatives to the area was published on October 5, 2009, with the comment period ending November 4, 2009. The Draft SEIS was developed based on the NERA Redevelopment Plan and Implementation Strategy.

It presented two new land use alternatives and one “no action” alternative. The preferred alternative would allow a combination of retail, auto mall, commercial, business park, and light industrial land uses in the southern, eastern, and northeastern portions of the NERA and professional residential uses in the northwestern portion of the area. This alternative is preferred because it would offer flexibility for redevelopment to adapt to changing market conditions over time.

The Final SEIS was published in November. Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Code amendments to implement the preferred alternative are being processed concurrently with the EIS, with the intent of adoption by the end of the year. Results of the SEIS process and the proposed plan and zoning amendments will be presented to City Council in December.

For more information, to review the NERA Master Plan & Implementation Strategy report and review all environmental documents, please contact the City of Burien Department of Community Development at [NERA@Burienwa.gov](mailto:NERA@Burienwa.gov) or visit the City website at [www.burienwa.gov/NERA](http://www.burienwa.gov/NERA).



## Multiplex Cinema Proposed for Town Square

Big news at Town Square is the possibility of a cinema multiplex being built on the northwest corner of the site, where the B/IAS (Burien Interim Art Space) is now situated. Galaxy Theaters has been negotiating with Town Square developer Urban Partners over development of the 10-screen theater at the site. The property owners would have to apply to the City for amendment to the development agreement between the City and Urban Partners. The amendment then would go to the City Council for approval. The original development agreement calls for mixed use, commercial and multifamily housing on that parcel of Town Square, similar to the current structure on Parcel 1 on S.W. 152nd Street. Construction of the theater is estimated to take just over two years.

• **PARKING GARAGE:** Construction is scheduled to begin early in 2010 on the transit center parking garage west of the new Metro transit center on S.W. 148th Street. The 503-space multi-story parking garage will be built on the current park and ride lot. The final

phase of the transit center project will be construction of 100 affordable apartments adjacent to the parking garage in 2011. Financing for the garage and housing is through state, federal, county, local and private developer funds.

### OTHER BUSINESS NEWS:

- **Enviromech:** The Seattle mechanical engineering firm has purchased a building at 430 S.W. 153rd St. and will be relocating the business there.
- **Eat Local:** The specialty grocery opened in October at 810 S.W. 151st St. (next to Bicycles West). The grocery specializes in prepared foods with locally grown ingredients.
- **Filibertos:** The Italian restaurant opened in October at 653 S.W. 152nd Street in the Key Bank building. Filibertos first opened in 1975 at its location on Des Moines Memorial Drive and operated there until May 2008.



## Educational Campaign Focuses on Stormwater

Despite its natural beauty, Puget Sound is suffering the ill-effects of dirty stormwater. Scientists say that poor water quality, along with habitat degradation, is jeopardizing the health of everything from orcas to salmon to shellfish.

"To help people understand how the health of Puget Sound is affected by activities far from the water's edge, a new educational campaign of the state-supported Puget Sound Partnership began this summer. It's called "Puget Sound Starts Here."

The idea behind the slogan is actually pretty simple: What happens on land – no matter where you are – is connected to the marine waters of Puget Sound by stormwater. Stormwater that runs off your roof, your yard, and street in front of your home rushes via pipes and Miller and Walker Creeks to Puget Sound. In the course of its journey, stormwater picks up oil, tiny bits of metal, pesticides, bacteria and viruses from pet waste, and



many other pollutants. Unlike waste water from sinks and toilets, stormwater is not treated before it enters Puget Sound.

Puget Sound Starts Here challenges all of us to translate this awareness into action in up to four areas of our daily lives:

- With your car
- In your yard
- In your home
- Around your dog

The website – [www.pugetsoundstartshere.org](http://www.pugetsoundstartshere.org) – gives you specific recommendations and information resources. You also can print out coupons from the website that will save you money on products such as car washes, yard fertilizer and dog waste bags.

## Downtown Stretch of 4th Ave. S.W. Being Rebuilt

Construction on 4th Avenue S.W. between S.W. 156th and S.W. 153rd streets began in early November. The 4th Avenue S.W. project is to rebuild the northbound lane of this stretch of 4th Avenue S.W., adding new curbs, gutters and sidewalks.

There will be local access for area businesses and residences, but motorists are advised to avoid the construction area if possible.

Construction will require intermittent closure of 4th Avenue S.W. at various times of the day for heavy equipment. Access to 4th Avenue S.W. between said intersections will be limited to one lane during business hours; limited 2-way access will be provided after 5 p.m.



*Construction began in early November.*

Construction is expected to take three to four weeks. The City appreciates cooperation and patience from motorists during the project.

## City Receives Award for Town Square Planning

The City of Burien Planning Department has received recognition by two state planning associations for its work on planning and development of Burien Town Square.

The 2009 Implementation Award has been given the City by the American Planning Association--Washington Chapter (APA) and the Planning Association of Washington (PAW). In recognizing the plan, the awards jury commented: "This is an outstanding

example of a planning process "staying the course" over time. It obviously had strong leadership throughout. It's exciting to see the project 'on the ground'. Inspiring, daring and obviously creates a new identity for Burien's Town Center."

The award was one of 11 in seven different categories handed out at APA's annual conference earlier this month in Vancouver, Washington.

## Do You Know What a Storm Drain Is?

Anything that drains from the streets, sidewalks, parking lots, yards and gutters will normally drain into the stormwater system. Storm drainage is usually conveyed through ditches and pipes to temporary storage ponds before being released into streams, lakes or Puget Sound. However, in some cases, surface runoff is directly discharged into these areas.

Storm drains are designed to temporarily store some sediments, garbage and floatable materials. They are not effective at removing oils, detergents, fertilizers, chemicals, paints, etc. These substances need to be disposed of at appropriate facilities such as landfills or hazardous material collection sites.

A storm drain is not connected to a wastewater treatment plant; as a result, to protect our water quality and environment, only uncontaminated water is allowed to discharge into storm drains. For more information contact Ken Srilofung, Stormwater Engineering Technician, Public Works Department; City of Burien at (206) 439-3154 or [kens@burienwa.gov](mailto:kens@burienwa.gov)

## Help by Clearing Leaves

Residents can help stop flooding in their neighborhood by clearing leaves and litter from the storm drains and



ditches around their home. By using a shovel, rake, or push-broom to clear away the leaves, residents can quickly solve the problem. Residents who need help with a flooding problem during normal work hours can call the Public Works Department at (206) 248-5521.

## New Public Works Director

Larry Blanchard is Burien's new Public Works Director. Blanchard came to Burien from the City of Kent where he was Public Works Director. During his nearly 11-year tenure in Kent, Blanchard was involved in some of that city's largest public works projects.



*Larry Blanchard*

## City Partners with Corps on Seahurst Project

The City of Burien and the Army Corps of Engineers recently executed a Feasibility Cost Share Agreement (FCSA) continuing their formal partnership for the Seahurst Park Phase II Ecosystem Restoration Project.

The Corps and the City are working toward the removal of a substantial portion of the seawall along the northern park shoreline and restoring the beaches, similar to what was done at the south end of the park. The northern section will be much larger in scale and will include recreational elements such as a playground, picnic areas and trails. Construction is anticipated for late fall 2010.

**AWARD FOR SEAWALL PROJECT:** The King Conservation District Board of Supervisors recently voted to award the City of Burien Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department their Rock Award for Local Government Conservation for 2009 for the Department's work on the Seahurst Park seawall removal along the southern shoreline of the park. The Seahurst Park seawall removal and re-vegetation project is a model for other cities applying for member jurisdiction and WRIA forum grants.

## Mathison Park Project Nears Completion

Despite the change in weather and the rains in November, the Mathison Park project has continued to move forward on a aggressive schedule for substantial completion by end of the year. The park's interpretive, soft trail has been installed and the grading, rock retaining walls and concrete work has been completed along the main park trail. Work on the play area, which includes swings and play elements for the 2 to 5 year age group, has begun including concrete form work and the installation of the structural posts.

This will be followed by the planting of dozens of native groundcovers, shrubs and trees throughout the park, replacing the invasive vegetation that was removed earlier in the project. The addition of picnic tables, benches, trail overlooks and interpretive signage will complete the project.

## Makeover Coming to Old Burien Library

For many, the brick building located at S.W. 148th Street and 6th Avenue S.W. is known as the Burien Library. Although a new library has been built at Burien Town Square, many people still drop off their books at the old location. However in late November the building, purchased by the City in 2006, began a makeover and is undergoing a transformation into a new home for Burien's Parks and Recreation Department. The building's second life will be as the new Burien Community Center, and it will serve as an interim community center until a new one can be built at some point in the future on the site of the old community center.

Beginning in April 2009, the recreation programs offered through the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department will take place at the remodeled facility. The building's 20,000 square feet will be used for the department's senior, family, teen and youth programs. The open floor design will be modified to create six rooms for classes and activities, and will feature, new carpeting, and a large lobby area for the public. The entry and courtyard areas will remain

the same and look familiar to those who used the library for so many years.

Along with activity spaces and administrative offices for the department, there will be a 3,000 sq. ft. exercise and dance room with a new wood floor which will be able to accommodate larger groups and private events. A new catering kitchenette will be available to support receptions and private events held there. Like the old community center, the facility will continue to host an active senior program, an afterschool program, yoga and exercise programs, along with classes and other recreation programming.

The general contractor on the project is McKinstry Essention, Inc; the project budget is just under \$1.5 million and is expected to be completed by March 2010. The City is taking advantage of the state's energy performance contracting program which enables the necessary modifications to the building's mechanical systems to be funded through guaranteed energy savings. An open house will be held in April when this new public facility is ready for business.



*Highline High School artists painted the murals.*

## New Moshier Restroom Murals

Beautiful new murals created by Highline High School artists and "Art Escape" program participants were installed on Moshier Park's restroom walls. The "Art Escape" program is the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department's popular year-round program for both beginning and experienced visual artists with "disAbilities". The facility will now be more inviting for park patrons, especially with other recently completed facility improvements.

## Grant Restores Funding for Arts Education Program

4Culture has awarded the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department \$2500 to continue its in-school arts education program for students at one of Highline School District's elementary schools in Burien .

The department had eliminated the program as part of the mandated 2010 budget reductions, so Cultural Arts Supervisor Gina Kallman applied for this grant shortly thereafter. Funding from 4Culture comes from a portion of the federal stimulus package, which was allocated to King County for the sole purpose of sustaining already-existing programs that would have otherwise been eliminated due to budget cuts.

The Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department partners with Arts Corps to provide curriculum design and instruction for this program that's conveniently held in one of the local schools.

# Noticias de Burien

*Para nuestros lectores hispanos*

## Estudian la zonificación para el área de la anexión de North Highline

Uno de los requisitos para el proceso de anexar parte del sur de North Highline a la Ciudad de Burien es la adopción de reglamentos de zonificación para el área. La Comisión de Planificación de Burien tiene bajo estudio una propuesta del Departamento de Desarrollo Comunitario de la Ciudad, en la cual las existentes designaciones de zonas del Condado de King se convertirían en designaciones de la Ciudad de Burien. El 24 de noviembre, la Comisión celebró una audiencia pública sobre la propuesta de conversión de zonificación, y este órgano hará pronto su recomendación al Concejo Municipal, el cual a su vez debe adoptar zonificación para el área de anexión antes de la fecha en que la anexión entrará en vigor en 2010. Para mayor información sobre la propuesta de conversión, con mapas de la zonificación actual del Condado y las zonas propuestas por la Ciudad, visite [burienwa.gov/annexation](http://burienwa.gov/annexation).

Cuando la anexión de North Highline a la Ciudad de Burien se vuelva oficial y entre en vigor, los cambios no se notarán

inmediatamente. Por ejemplo, los residentes y negocios pueden empezar a poner "Burien, WA" en su dirección postal, o pueden seguir usando "Seattle, WA", con el mismo código postal que antes. No habrá cambios en los servicios públicos y su facturación, ni en los distritos escolares o de bomberos.

Los residentes del área de la anexión podrían ver más coches de policía y vehículos de obras públicas de Burien en el área de la anexión. Después del 2 de marzo, los residentes deberán recurrir a la Ciudad de Burien en vez del Condado de King para asuntos de construcción, obtención de licencias y permisos, e inspección de códigos.

La Ciudad llevará a cabo una campaña publicitaria y educativa en el área de la anexión para informar a los residentes y negocios sobre la emisión de licencias y permisos y otros asuntos relacionados. Más información llegará por correo y aparecerá en el sitio web de la Ciudad de Burien en [www.burienwa.gov/annexation](http://www.burienwa.gov/annexation).

## Eligen nuevo Concejal

El nuevo Concejal Brian Bennett fue electo en las elecciones del 3 de noviembre al Puesto 7, el cual estuvo abierto tras la jubilación de la Concejal Sally Nelson, quien fungió como integrante del Concejo desde la incorporación de Burien en el 1993. Bennett es un abogado de negocios con F5 Networks, una compañía tecnológica global con sede en Seattle. Sirve en la Comisión de Planificación de Burien y preside el Comité Asesor de Orillas de Burien. Su familia lleva cuatro generaciones en el área de Highline. El nuevo Concejal reside en el noroeste de Burien con su esposa e hija.



Brian Bennett

## Inscríbase en el programa de alivio impositivo en servicios públicos de la Ciudad.

Ha llegado el momento para la renovación anual o inscripción inicial en el Programa de Alivio Impositivo en Servicios Públicos de la Ciudad de Burien. Este programa les da cierto alivio a los residentes de Burien que tienen bajos ingresos en los impuestos locales sobre el servicio telefónico (no incluye celular), televisión por cable, y gas/electricidad de Puget Sound Energy. El año pasado, 64 hog-

ares de Burien participaron y recibieron un reembolso promedio de \$35. Se ha enviado ya un formulario de renovación a los residentes que ya participan en el programa.

Por favor llame a Lori Fleming al (206) 248-5518 para mayor información o para recibir por correo una solicitud para participar en el programa. El documento está disponible también en la Internet en [www.burienwa.gov/espanol](http://www.burienwa.gov/espanol).

## Convierten la antigua biblioteca en centro comunitario

A finales de noviembre, en el viejo edificio de la biblioteca del Condado de King, comprado en 2006 por la Ciudad, empezaron las obras de renovación para convertir el edificio en la nueva sede del Departamento de Parques y Recreación de Burien. El edificio será el nuevo Centro Comunitario de Burien, hasta que se pueda construir uno nuevo en el sitio del antiguo Centro Comunitario.

A partir de abril de 2009, los programas recreativos del Departamento de Parques, Recreación y Servicios Culturales se ofrecerán en las instalaciones remodeladas. El edificio de 20,000 pies cuadrados se utilizará para los programas que el departamento ofrece a los ancianos, familias, adolescentes, y niños. Además de las áreas para actividades y las oficinas administrativas del departamento, habrá un salón de 3,000 pies cuadrados para ejercicios y baile, con un nuevo piso de madera, apto para grupos grandes y eventos privados. Las instalaciones contarán con una nueva cocineta para recepciones y eventos privados.

## La plaza Town Square podría tener multicine

Se dio a conocer la emocionante noticia de que se podría construir un multicine en la esquina noroeste de la plaza Town Square, sede actual del B/IAS (Espacio Interino para las Artes de Burien). Galaxy Theaters ha estado negociando con Urban Partners, la constructora de Town Square, para construir un cine de 10 pantallas en el sitio. Los propietarios tendrían que solicitar que la Ciudad enmendara el acuerdo de urbanización entre la Ciudad y Urban Partners, y luego el Concejo Municipal tendría que aprobarlo. Se espera que la construcción del cine tome un poco más de dos años.

• Línea de información en español: La Ciudad ha abierto una línea telefónica con información en español sobre programas y eventos. Marque el (206) 241-4647 y pida la línea de información en español. Después de la hora de cierre, puede seleccionar esa opción con el teclado.



## Legislative Actions

*Legislation approved by the Burien City Council, September - November 2009.*

### ORDINANCES

**Ordinance 520** Amending Hearing Examiner Duties to Include Building and Construction Codes adopted in Title 15. 10/5/09

**Ordinance 521** Amending Burien Municipal Code Title 15 (Buildings and Construction) relating to the Electrical Code and related administrative provisions. 10/5/09

**Ordinance 523** Amending Title 19 of the Burien Municipal Code related to zoning. 11/2/09

**Ordinance 524** Setting the 2010 Property Tax Levy. 11/23/09

**Ordinance 525** Approving Final Plat for Des Moines Estates Subdivision. 10/26/09

**Ordinance 526** Amending the 2009-2010 Biennial Budget of the City of Burien, Washington to Adjust Revenues and Appropriate Expenditures to the City Funds for 2009 and 2010. 11/23/2009

**Ordinance 527** Providing for annexation of the North Highline South Annexation are and establishing the date that the annexation shall become effective. 11/23/2009

### RESOLUTIONS

**Resolution 302** Approving Fee Schedule for Public Records Requests. 10/5/09

**Resolution 303** Granting Preliminary Approval of Walker Creek Ridge Subdivision. 9/14/09

**Resolution 304** Amending SCORE Interlocal Agreement. 09/28/09

**Resolution 305** Opposing Initiative 1033 Concerns State, County and City Revenue. 10/5/09

**Resolution 306** Establishing Substantive Need to Set the Property Tax Levy Limit at One Hundred One Percent. 11/23/2009

**Resolution 307** Adopting the 2010 through 2015 Six-Year Transportation Improvement Program. 11/23/2009



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## City of Burien Website Receives Recognition


The City of Burien's website has been awarded a 2nd place Silver Medal by the national 3CMA City-County Communications and Marketing Association. The Association's awards program recognizes outstanding local government achievements in communications, public-sector marketing and citizen-government relationships.

The awards salute city government professionals who have planned and carried out successful innovations in communications and marketing. Judges said, "Burien's website has nice, clean, earthy feel. Navigational iconography is clean and informative. Content is tight and has appropriate links."

The City's new website was launched in November 2008. Log on to the website at [www.burienwa.gov](http://www.burienwa.gov).

## Hazel Valley Sidewalk Project

In 2008 the City of Burien applied for and was awarded \$200,000 in federal CDBG funding for the Hazel Valley Safe Sidewalk Project, which calls for construction of a 6-foot sidewalk on the north side of S.W. 132nd Street from Ambaum Boulevard SW to Hazel Valley Elementary School. The City just recently was awarded an additional \$202,645 in Community Development Block Grant funds for the project, bringing the total CDBG funds to \$402,645. This along with a small amount of local funding will allow the project to move forward in 2010.

 **RECYCLE STYROFOAM:** Have you ever wondered what to do with the Styrofoam blocks and peanuts found with new electronic products and packaging? V&G Styro Recycle recycles clean Styrofoam. A free drop-off site is at 800 SW 43rd adjacent to and west of Ikea in Renton. See [www.styrorecycle.com](http://www.styrorecycle.com) or call (253) 838-9555.

## EMPTY BOWLS

Friday, January 29

11 a.m. - 2 p.m. & 4 - 8 p.m.

Moshier Community Art Center

430 S. 156th St. Burien

Moshier potters have teamed up with the Highline Food Bank and Discover Burien to host Empty Bowls 2010. Empty Bowls events can be found around the country raising money to combat hunger in our communities. Potters have donated bowls to be

filled with soup at this fun event...everyone is invited!

Your \$10 minimum donation will get you the opportunity to pick out a beautiful handmade bowl, as well as a simple but wonderful meal of soup, bread, drink and dessert donated by area businesses. 90% of proceeds will go to the Highline Food Bank, which serves over 750 area families per month; 10% of proceeds will go to help provide arts programming to low income youth in Burien. For information call (206) 988-3700 or visit [www.MoshierArtCenter.org](http://www.MoshierArtCenter.org)

